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ORIGIN OF THE COLORADO CANYONS.

Pah-goo, a Ute Indian, relates to George West some of the traditions of his tribe respecting the canyon which gave Colorado its present peculiar appearance. Pah-goo calls the Colorado river the Toom-pinto-weep, and says that there is an old river bed fully half a mile deep. His forefathers had a tradition that, long years ago, they had lived near a vast warm lake northeast of the big river; that the country was warm, full of big trees, big deer, and big oxen with white horns; that big fishes and snakes as long as a 100 lodge poles abounded in this lake; that one day all the big oxen began to roar together, and that they raised such a steam from their nostrils that the earth reeled and the sun was obscured; that suddenly the lake fell, and continued falling for three seasons, and then became so much reduced that the big lake they found had been drained away to the south, and that its warm waters had cut out through the mountains the present canyon of Green river, and of the big river (the Colorado); and that the old bed in the Toom-pinto-weep is where the lake waters are drained. All the big deer and the oxen with white horns strayed away eastward and perished in the mountains. A big flood soon after the above occurrences formed Grand River canyon, and after this flood came a small race of people who had skin canoes, and who brought seed corn of a small kind, called in Spanish chiquito mayas; that these people were almost white, and that they taught the Utes how to make good spears and bows and arrow-heads; that they built stone houses in the cliffs, and cultivated pumpkins, corn and beans; that they had silver and gold in abundance, and iron tools that they had obtained in the high mountains to the northeast; that afterwards, from the northwest, big red Indians came over to this country and killed and drove off the little people, who finally all went south, as well as the big red men, who are the Apaches, Navajos and Kiowas.

These small and nearly white people were undoubtedly the Aztecs, who certainly wandered in the direction of Colorado, being driven there by the occasional plagues which nearly depopulated northern Mexico centuries ago. Pah-goo declares that "grande lagarios" (probably alligators) were found among the Apache and Navajo Indians, but that they all disappeared as the country became drier and colder. It appears from the traditions that melted rocks were poured out everywhere and left the country desolate. It is, also, of tradition that in the old river bed of the Colorado there is plenty of gold, which fact was related by the Aztecs or small men.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, Ohio, December 4.—A short time since, it will be remembered, brief mention was made in the Enquirer, concerning a little child in the family of Jos. Kinsley, near here, that had commenced to petrify. Your correspondent visited the family to-day, and learned the following particulars with regard to this curiosity: The child is about two years of age, and in the month of July last, while it was being nursed by its father, a sudden hardening of the limbs was noticed. Since that time the hardness has increased and has spread over its entire body. The hands are drawn shut, and its limbs are bent so that it has no use for them. The head, neck, arms, and legs are now so hard that not the slightest indentation can be made upon them, nor could any petrification be harder. The limbs of the child seem bloodless, and are cold as marble. It has some appetite, and at times tries to talk. A living petrified child is considered in this section a curiosity without a parallel, and hundreds of people are flocking to Mr. Kinsley's to see this wonder. Medical men are dumbfounded, and can give no explanation of the singular phenomena.

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THE BREYFOGLE MINE.

Every person who lived in Eastern Nevada from 1863 until 1869, have heard of the wonderful Breyfogle mine which was supposed to exist somewhere in the vicinity of Death Valley. Many yet believe in its existence, and parties are to this day searching for this Will o'-the-wisp. A correspondent of the Esmeralda Herald explores the myth by the following account of the origin of the report, the particulars of which he procured from one of the principal parties, who is now ranching on the upper San Pedro river. The writer who was living in Austin at the time, remembers some of the minor incidents referred to.

"During the earlier years of the late war, a party of men organized in Western Nevada for the purpose of going South to join the Confederate forces by crossing through Arizona and New Mexico into Texas. Their route lay to the southeast—they intending to cross the Colorado somewhere to the northward of Fort Mojave. While traveling south of Austin, Nevada, the party attracted the attention of a prospector who was working in one of the mining camps of that region; and as every party or person not announcing their destination or intention in those days were suspected of having some 'good thing,' or new discovery in view, and this prospector being fully alive to the importance of following on their trail and coming in for a chance in the supposed new discovery, started in the wake. Now, in those days parties going to Dixie were closely watched by United States soldiers stationed at the different military posts; and as Showalter and his party had been recently captured and incarcerated in Fort Yuma, parties were very careful to see that their destination was not found out, and that there were no spies on their track from Fort Churchill. It was not long before they discovered that this prospector was following them, and they accordingly watched him closely for some days. At length one of the party dropped behind to interview the person who was dogging their trail, to find out if possible his object. Concealing himself, while the other members of the party went ahead, he awaited the coming of the follower. When accosted and asked the reason of his course, the prospector frankly stated his object, that seeing they were well equipped and well mounted, he had concluded that they had something rich in view and wished to come in for what he could after they had made their locations. The man who had been an old prospector himself saw at once the true state of affairs, and having some rich pieces of rock with him that he had procured in California, told him that the specimens came from a lead they were going to locate, and pointing to a saddle or depression in a range of mountains a long way off to the south, he told him on the western slope of that mountain the mine was situated, and that it was large and very rich; but that under no circumstances must he again be seen upon their trail, as his companions were very jealous of outside interference and it would be very dangerous for him. The new greatly excited prospector, it is supposed, returned to his camp, and showing the rich rock to his companions, made immediate preparations to hunt for the fabled mine. How that hunt was continued for many months and years, and the hardships sufferings and privations of many of the deluded prospectors led on by this story, has become a part of the history of Southern Nevada. This man was Breyfogle. Mr. Breyfogle used the information he obtained for his own advantage in getting credulous and excitable persons in Los Angeles and elsewhere to fit up costly expeditions to search for this hidden treasure that never had an existence. There are in the vicinity of this saddle which was pointed out in the mountain, some large ledges but the ores are base in character and carry but a small percentage of gold and silver. That section of country was thoroughly searched about three years ago by a party of experienced prospectors from Panamint, and nothing was found that would warrant any great expenditure of labor or money. So ends what we believe to be the true story of the long sought but never found Breyfogle myth."

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